

### **Illegal Foreign Exchange Transactions in Delhi.**

**1391. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:  
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MUNDA:**

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware of the rise in the illegal foreign exchange transactions in Delhi;

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent illegal transfer of foreign exchange;

(c) whether the Government have formed a special task force to check such transactions;

(d) if so, the details of the raids conducted and arrests made in this connection during 1991 so far; and

(e) the details of the awards being given to the informers of such transactions?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR):** (a) and (b). There is no information to indicate a rise in the illegal foreign exchange transactions in Delhi. However the Enforcement Directorate remains alive to the situation and takes appropriate action by way of searches/seizures launching adjudication and prosecution proceedings and ordering arrests and detention under the relevant laws.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In the current year, Enforcement Directorate conducted 189 searches in Delhi and seized Rs. 49,29,661 and foreign currency worth Rs. 80,68,855. 31 persons were arrested in this connection.

(e) Informers are given rewards on the basis of the outcome of the information supplied by them.

### **Steps for Economic Reforms to Promote Exports**

**1392. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken or propose to take some more steps for economic reforms to promote exports with special emphasis to agricultural; exports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED):** (a) and (b). The Government introduced a package of trade policy reforms aimed at strengthening of export incentives, eliminating substantial volume of import licensing and optimal import compression. REP licences have been replaced by a new instrument named Exim Scrips. These will be the means of obtaining access to certain categories of imports of raw materials, components and spares. The system of advance licensing as an instrument of export promotion has also been strengthened. Government has decided to allow established exporters to open foreign currency accounts in approved banks and allow exporters to raise external credits export proceeds to such accounts. Besides, Government have taken other steps which include reducing controls through licensing, simplification of procedures for export, activation of Board of Trade, bilateral discussion with selected countries, interaction with national organisations of trade and industry, etc.

Export Policy in respect of certain agricultural commodities have been liberalised by shifting of items were earlier subject to

ceiling to the list of items allowed for export under OGL, and also by de-controlling the export of selected agricultural commodities. The exchange rate adjustments will benefit agricultural exports also.

**Withdrawal of Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packaging Commodities) Act, 1987.**

1393. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the Jute Laminators Association, Calcutta regarding withdrawal of the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packaging Commodities) Act, 1987;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps propose to be taken by the Government to protect the Jute Packaging industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Representations have been received from time to time regarding withdrawal of the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in packaging Commodities) Act, 1987. Government are of the view that the interests of the traditional jute packaging sector and the synthetic plastic should be harmonised and both of them should coexist by having a legitimate share of the economy. Keeping this objective in view the Reservation Orders are reviewed from time to time.

**Construction of Flyovers in Delhi**

1394. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT

be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 694 on August 9, 1990 and state:

(a) whether flyovers that were under construction have since been completed and opened to public;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay and when these are expected to be opened to traffic;

(d) whether clearance in respect of the remaining projects pending with Delhi Development Authority and Delhi Urban Arts Commission have since been given;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Constitutionally this Ministry is responsible for development & maintenance of National Highways only and all roads/bridges other than National Highways are essentially the responsibility of the State Government/Union Territories concerned. As per information received from various executing agencies in Delhi viz. Delhi Administration, New Delhi Municipal Committee (NDMC), Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and Delhi Tourism and Transport Development Corporation (DTDC), the replies are as under:-

(a) and (b). The flyovers mentioned in Annexure II (b) of the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 694 dated 9.8.90 have not been completed. However, flyover at Loni-Wazirabad road intersection mentioned as S.No. 32 of Annexure III to that answer has since been completed and opened to traffic on 13.8.91.